

ROLE DESCRIPTION: CHANCELLOR

Aberystwyth University's Chancellor is the ceremonial head of the Institution and is appointed by the University's Council. The Chancellor carries out a number of functions in a ceremonial capacity, as may be determined by Council.

TERM OF OFFICE:	Five years, with the option of reappointment for a second term of up to five years.
TIME COMMITMENT:	A minimum of 6 days in Aberystwyth. The Chancellor should demonstrate an ongoing commitment to Aberystwyth University throughout the year.
REMUNERATION:	This is a non-remunerated role. However, out-of-pocket expenses can be reclaimed where expenditure is incurred during the course of carrying out duties in relation to this role.
METHOD OF APPOINTMENT:	By Council, on the recommendation of a Selection Committee.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chancellor shall:

1. Preside at Degree Congregations of the University.
2. Chair annual meetings of the University's Court.
3. Have a strong personal commitment to Education and the purpose, ambitions and values of Aberystwyth University.
4. Endeavour to establish a constructive and supportive working relationship with the Pro-Chancellors, and Chair of Council, as well as with all other Council members, the Vice-Chancellor, Clerk to the Council, and team. However, the Chancellor must also recognise the proper separation between honorific leadership, governance and executive management.
5. Undertake activities on behalf of the University in an ambassadorial capacity and influence key stakeholders, as required.
6. A commitment to the University's duty to promote and encourage the Welsh language and culture is required. The Chancellor will be required to speak in Welsh and English in University events. They will be fully briefed and prepared by the University to enable them to carry out this role effectively.

Please note that the above list is not, and is not intended to be, an exhaustive description of the duties involved. Further information regarding the appointment process for the role of the Chancellor is outlined in [Ordinance 2](#).

CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

All persons appointed or reappointed as Chancellor of Aberystwyth shall be required, before any appointment is made, to disclose any information that may be of relevance to their position as Chancellor, if appointed. This shall include any interest, financial or otherwise, that is likely or could

be perceived as likely to interfere with the individual independent judgement. Such information shall be made known to the Council at the time of the appointment or reappointment.

APPLICATIONS

Applications are currently being invited to fill a forthcoming vacancy for Aberystwyth University's Chancellor from 01 January 2025. Applications should set out an individual's experience and suitability for appointment, and be submitted to the University Secretary, along with a CV, by **12:00pm 23 September 2024**.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

Aberystwyth University is committed to promoting equality and diversity, and endeavours to be inclusive, valuing the diversity of its staff, students and community.

Where appropriate, all reasonable adjustments are made to enable the Chancellor to effectively carry out their duties.

INDUCTION

All appointees receive an induction which is tailored to their individual requirements, in order to ensure that the individual appointed has a good understanding of Aberystwyth University's purpose, ambitions and values.

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